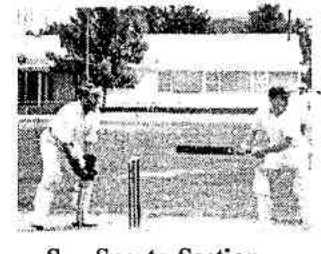


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FRIDAY, 8th APRIL, 1960

BETWEEN LECTURES



Noticed an interesting paragraph while reading a Wagga daily paper. Happened to find a particular snippet in the social pages:
Evidently three young ladies from Wagga are furthering their education at Canberra University College. How luvely! I hope that they are good ambassadors.

We don't seem to be hearing much from the Teacher Trainees this year. Perhaps that is because they no longer have any grievances—OR is it because firebrand REECE has moved up a rung on the scale of allowances.

Who was the last couple to leave the Common Room on Saturday night (or Sunday morning) after the football party?
And why were you so late?

Those keen followers of student journalism who read the recent copies of "Farrago," will have noticed that Chris Jay appears in the list of credits as Assistant Editor.
We probably all know that Chris used to be responsible for the column "Quoeg." This makes us wonder if he had anything to do with "Progg" which appears in "Farrago."

ADVICE TO FRESHERETTES

"That which is thoughtlessly got must be patiently born."

The Tom Lehrer recital was to have ended on a riotous note with a real "streamer party." This was to have been impromptu. However acalarnist McCarthy was refused permission from Lehrer's manager for the performance.

The item which was to have appeared in this space has had to be removed. It was feared that publication may have resulted in a Public Service Board enquiry.

Bertie

P.S. Have just had a letter from a former editor of Woroni. Now assistant editor of Farrago—yes, he does write "Progg" as the tone of the latest issue indicates.

**S.R.C.
Nominations
Close
Midnight
Friday 8th
Don't Be Late!**

STUDENTS MASS OUTSIDE HIGH COMMISSION



NO BLOODSHED

On Tuesday it was necessary for the first time in the history of the South African High Commission for police, complete with batons and note books, to be called in to preserve the lives of South Africans in Australia.

Over one hundred students of the College, Staff and A.N.U. students progressed from the Workmen's Club to the office of the High Commission, the excuse being the presentation of a petition.

While the petition bearing 522 signatures was being presented, students milled menacingly on the lawns outside the High Commission. Police in squad cars and on cycles stood by to prevent the use of machine guns.

Esteem

Indicative of the esteem in rally, the High Commissioner, Mr. Hamilton, was absent for the presentation. His secretary, Mr. Slyman received the petition but was obviously not moved by the strength of it.

A.L.P.

Almost a dozen people crammed the "Woroni" office on Wednesday to attend the inaugural meeting of a socialist club within the College.

The immediate purpose of the group is to have a delegate as observer at the annual conference of student labour movements which will be held in Sydney during the vacation.

Discussion

Discussion as to forms of activity which the group may indulge in resulted in animated speeches from several.

A temporary committee was appointed under the guiding light of Mr. Austin but no names can be released as several of the committee are public servants.

Observer

A liberal observer was present but he was not given any ideas which might be helpful to him when forming a Tory group.

It is understood that Woroni intends to give this new group as much publicity as possible.

Meanwhile, the thronging crowd on the lawns was reaching fever-pitch. Police stood by as students jostled with reporters and placards were raised defiantly.

Placard Removed

One group of students crossed the path leading into the office and placed a placard over the Afrikaans worded shield of the Commission. This was later removed single-handedly by Mr. Slyman.

Return

When the deputation returned from the office of Mr. Slyman, the crowd were on the verge of cheering. Mr. Turner addressed the crowd which was obviously disappointed that the High Commissioner himself did not appear.

As no South Africans were present for students to vent their anger upon, the only thing to do was for the crowd to disperse quietly and return to lectures.

Distribution

The S.R.C. office at the moment resembles a garbage bin more than an office. Undistributed copies of WORONI litter the place. Please don't blame us. Help us.

The S.R.C. has a copy of WORONI printed for every member of the Students' Association. Only half received a copy last time.

Normally copies are placed on faculty tables (near notice boards), in the boxes on the hall verandah and in the common room.

If you have any suggestions as to the speeding up of the distribution, or if you could help in this task—please let the editor know.

SAVE THESE DATES

Tuesday, 12th April - Sports Council
Tuesday, 3rd May - Annual General Meeting

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

On Thursday, 31st March, the 31st Annual Commencement and Ceremony of Conferring Degrees was held at the Canberra University College Hall.

This year the ceremony was doubly significant since it was the last such ceremony to be held by the College before its forthcoming amalgamation with the A.N.U., after which degrees will be conferred by the National University instead of by Melbourne.

The Chairman of the College introduced this theme, stressing the underlying sadness of the occasion, since there must be some regret at separation from an institution with which the College has enjoyed such close ties for over thirty years, however much advancement was hoped for under the new order.

Occasional Address

Sir Garfield Barwick gave the occasional address, and spoke at some length on the benefits to be gained from the consumation of the College's approaching marriage with the A.N.U. The union of the School of General Studies with an Institute of Research would produce a University which would not merely satisfy regional needs but would also function at a national level. The nation's growing need for leaders would be satisfied by this National University, which by providing the necessary environment, would produce academic minds capable of filling this vacuum.

Academic Mind

Sir George Paton declared his scepticism as to the existence of the "academic mind" and added that even after the consumation of a marriage, children had been known to return to their parents. He concluded on a serious note with a plea for a lessening of the cleavage between the sciences and the humanities. Mr. Justice Dean spoke on the history

of the College, then addressed himself to the graduands, congratulating them and urging them not to forget that they must remain scholars to the end of their days.

Dunrossil

Viscount Dunrossil took up Sir George Paton's point by

saying "It is a great thing to have withstood a university education without any impairment to the natural intelligence." He went on to distinguish between education and intelligence, saying education did not necessarily imply intelligence but should be its tool, for of the two intelligence was the greater.

B-IG SP-Y

Following the demonstration by students last Tuesday several questions remain to be answered.

Questions

- Who inspired the demonstration?
 - Why was the Trades Hall represented?
 - Who controls the Trades Hall in the A.C.T.?
 - Why was the number of every car taking part taken down?
 - What was put on the security files?
- Some of these questions require no answer—some do.

IF security felt it necessary to have car numbers taken then it reflects badly on their organisation and on their discretion. Surely any shady person taking part should already be on the files.
Secondly the bulk of demonstrators were innocent freshers who merely wanted to be in something exciting. None of these had any knowledge of the implications behind such a demonstration.
LEAVE THEM ALONE B-IG SP-Y!

LARGE ECONOMY SIZE

"W O R O N I"

FRIDAY, 8th APRIL, 1960

Alcohol and the University

Canberra University College is indeed fortunate in that its small student body does not require rigid enforcement of regulations, applicable to student behaviour.

However, our previous good record regarding student demeanour has come close to being broken.

The Student Representative Council has recently had complaints and inquiries from the administration regarding the conduct of students at College functions. The S.R.C. has also been threatened with the withdrawal of permission to consume liquor at college functions.

The student body must endeavour at all costs to prevent interference with student activity. But this is one sphere of student activity which has called for official interference.

The amount of liquor consumed both at official and unofficial occasions is appalling. This is magnified when we find freshers play a large part in making the amount of liquor consumed excessive.

The University of New England has regulations which forbid the consumption of alcohol by freshmen (these appear elsewhere in this issue). This draws a definite line. Perhaps C.U.C. needs similar regulation?

While we would not rush to see freshers completely barred from drinking, we do ask them to use some discretion.

After all, if they are intelligent enough to attempt a university course, then surely they should have sufficient intelligence to know how to treat alcohol with the care that it deserves.

To the Editor**ATTACKS ON FRESHERS**

Dear Sir,—I write this from on top of the telephone booth. Why?—well I have just been sent up the wall by some of the freshers who have squatted in the common room.

There is no respect for age shown in the common room.

The freshers are uncouth schoolchildren who possess no vestige of discipline whatsoever. Both boys and girls are blatantly unaware of the fact that they are freshers.

SHAME!

Is this all the New Education can send to the universities? Is there no discipline in the schools?

I feel that we have placed too much emphasis on the American ideal of freedom.

Would it be too much for all freshers just to take a grip of themselves and go easy for a bit—so that I can get down from here.

"HARASSED"

Post Script

P.S.: I would appreciate it if that habitual fresher flirt, who seems to spend all day lolling on a couch, would not wink at me next time I enter the common room.

CASTIGATION

Dear Sir,—Slack, apathetic, uncouth, juvenile and immature self-centred, opinionated; all in all, a pack of creeping cretins.

In a recent discussion on the merits and otherwise of this year's "freshers," all these terms were voiced.

Personally, I hesitate to castigate the "young 'uns" with such vehemence, but there is one criticism I must make.

Last year from the outset, the freshers mixed and consorted with the senior students, straight away becoming an integral part of the overall student body.

But this year—HORRORS. I enter the Common Room and what do I see? I see practically no mixing in of freshers with older students. The freshers sit with freshers, talk fresher talk to other freshers,

and generally carry on with other freshers. This can only be deplored.

Of course there are the few exceptions, but the overall situation is, to say the least, alarming. We are as yet, few in numbers—we need a consolidated student body if we are to develop into anything greater.

MACK

FRESHETTE REPLIES

Dear Sir,—As a newcomer to these hallowed halls I shall no doubt be the subject of savage, vicious retribution when I dare to raise my tremulous voice to criticise the revered sophomores of the C.U.C. These adult men and women of the world have said many harsh and unjust things about freshers and fresherettes—particularly about their social habits. One of the latest charges levelled against us has been that we do not mix with the senior students. Surely the initiative in making social contact rests with the senior students as much as it does with the freshers? The mature members of the University must realise that we cannot nerve ourselves to approach the lofty, awe-inspiring sophomores without encouragement.

Despite this, however, a considerable amount of mixing does occur in the Common Room—when the freshers are given the opportunity. We would probably enter far more into student affairs if given more encouragement by sophomores. Finally I appeal to any anti-social freshers existing to come to the Common Room and other centres of non-academic gatherings, more often.

"FRESHERETTE"

MONDAY NIGHT**SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING****Re DRINKING****OPEN LETTER FROM JAPANESE STUDENT LEADER**

Hiroshi Kawai, President of the International Students' Association of Japan (I.S.A.) attended the 24th Annual Council Meeting of the National Union of Australian University Students (N.U.A.U.S.) in Hobart from February 15-25 as the first Japanese guest of N.U.A.U.S. He is at present making brief visits to several Australian universities.

Kawai-san's attendance at Council was greeted with great pleasure by Australian students because of his engaging personality, and also because of the hospitality shown in past years to Australian students visiting Japan. Australian delegations have all been warmly received at I.S.A. Conferences since 1956. N.U.A.U.S. hopes that through the visit of Kawai-san Australian students will be able to show their appreciation of these past kindnesses.

After the Council Meeting, Kawai-san wrote this letter to Australian students:

Exchange and Co-existence

"Japan is an island country about 6,000 miles due north of your country. The standard time of Japan differs by less than 60 minutes from your own. That means that when you get up from your beds it is time for Japanese, too, to leave their beds, and dinner time in Australia is the time for us to enjoy pleasant conversations about the day's events with all the members of the family surrounding our dinner tables. Thus Australia and Japan are closely connected, having but the Pacific in between us. But I regret it very much that there are few opportunities for us to have deep exchanges of our ideas and opinions.

"It is quite a big loss for both countries not to know each other well. My attendance here under these circumstances brings home the realisation that this will surely contribute to a better understanding by Japanese students of the activities of Australian students. The I.S.A. is fortunate, for we have invited Australian students to our annual conferences. So the role of Japanese students is well-known to you. However, your fellow students in Japan are not well-informed about your activities.

Communism

"The so-called National Union of Japan which is called Zengakuren and is a member of the Communist-run International Union of Students (I.U.S.) conducts completely different activities from those of N.U.A.U.S. I regret it very much as a Japanese student that the Zengakuren is strengthening the tendency to ignore the opinion of the majority of Japanese students by executing political campaigns strongly influenced by Communism.

"This phenomenon might be a result of our short history of autonomous student activity. Indeed, the students at large are lucky if they realise what a national union of students should be. Because of this, my attendance here is really precious, for it introduces into one of the two National Unions of Japan, the I.S.A., a new scope for activity.

White Australia

"One thing which was quite interesting for me was your discussion of the White Australia Policy. When I consider the present state of political movement in the Zengakuren, I could find a great deal of advice for us from your discussions, although, I must admit, there were some points which I could not understand. But from hearing your discussions I was soon convinced that the policy has nothing to do with racial discrimination, which is what has been a great concern to us.

"Finally, I shall express my hearty thanks to the N.U.A.U.S. for inviting me to such a worthwhile event, both on my own behalf and on behalf of the International Students' Association of Japan. And here I shall lay down my brush with many thanks again to Australian students.

HIROSHI KAWAI,
President, International Students' Association of Japan.
February 29, 1960.

For Comparison

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

DRINK REGS. FOR 1960 Freshmen

DEFINITION: For the purposes of these regulations, a freshman shall be defined as:

"Any full-time internal undergraduate member of the University of less than one year's standing."

REGULATION 1: No freshman, while a resident student of the University, may consume alcoholic liquor.

REGULATION 2: No freshman, not being in residence (e.g. living at home), may consume alcoholic liquor while on University premises.

REGULATION 3: A freshman over the age of 18 years may seek permission in writing from the Registrar, the Head of a College, or the Warden of Students, to be temporarily exempted from the effects of Regulations 1 and 2 above. Such exemption will normally be granted only in respect of some special occasion.

REGULATION 4: A freshman who has attained the age of 21 years shall be exempt from the provisions of Regulations 1 and 2.

REGULATION 5: Any offence under Regulations 1 or 2 shall be reported in the first instance to the Registrar, the Head of a College or the Warden of Students who shall refer the matter to the Proctorial Board, or, if he sees fit, impose a penalty himself. In the latter case he shall nevertheless report the offence and the penalty to the Proctorial Board.

Serious offences against Regulations 1 and 2 may involve the penalty of sending down from the University.

All Students

REGULATION 6: No student shall encourage a freshman to a breach of Regulations 1 or 2 above.

REGULATION 7: Conduct by any student associated with the consumption of alcoholic liquor, which in the opinion of the Head of College or the Warden of Students, or the Registrar, is disorderly or objectionable shall be reported to the Proctorial Board.

REGULATION 8: Offences against Regulations 6 and 7 shall be treated as serious offences and may involve the penalty of sending down from the University.

ATTENTION PLEASE**PARTIES**

The S.R.C. wishes to advise all students that the permission of the President must be obtained before a party, or similar function, can be held in the Students' Common Room.

Failure to comply with this procedure may lead to a withdrawal of Administration permission to stage such functions in the Common Room.

The S.R.C. will arrange for at least two of its members to be present at any such party, and if they are compelled to give instructions, these must be heeded. The aim of the S.R.C. is to keep all dances and parties orderly, but not dull, and we require your co-operation. Any student making a thorough nuisance of himself may lose his Students' Association rights, or have his case referred to the College Disciplinary Committee.

Such action is generally not required, and we would like your assistance in keeping it that way.

Before the Military Collegium of the Supreme Court of Injustice of the Kalothampian Republic.**The People v. Student Editors**

The unanimous decision of the Military Collegium was read by the President:

This is an appeal against the decision of Court Martial No. 1001 wherein the present appellants were found guilty and convicted.

The applicants in this action are editors of what purports to be a student newspaper called "Woroni". They were found guilty of abusing freedom of the Press and wasting time and effort through their production of a so-called student newspaper.

Uninformative

The members of the Military Collegium have examined an issue of "Woroni" dated March 18, 1960 and have found dull and uninformative. Not one glimmer of original or sustained thought, imaginative or witty comment lights its pages. The pages of a student newspaper need not necessarily read like the discourses of a learned society's proceedings, but at very least should provide good entertainment. "Woroni" fails to do even that.

Squandering

The student editors have squandered resources in producing this newspaper, and in addition they have squandered the time of the readers. It is of no use saying that other students need not have read "Woroni" if they did not wish to do so. The editors have held themselves out as capable of producing a readable newspaper and have failed those students who took them at their word.

Ditch Water

It is the unanimous opinion of the Military Collegium that the student editors in producing what is virtually a rag saturated in ditch water have abused the right to free speech and are guilty of all charges laid against them.

It has been argued on behalf of the student editors that their puny effort satisfies the broad mass of students who read "Woroni". The Military Collegium dismisses this argument with contempt—it is the duty of leaders to lead and not to follow.

APOLOGY

I would like to render an apology to George Moysenko for not acknowledging his piece of plagiarised writing "Canned Culture" which appeared in the last "Woroni". — Editor.

It has also been claimed by counsel for the defence that the blame for the low standard of student taste must be sheeted home to the college authorities who are responsible for education. The Military Collegium reserves its judgment upon that salient point—in this action the college authorities are not yet on trial but the student editors are. Should there be a need to prosecute any other person or persons no doubt the Procurator-General will institute the necessary action.

The sentence of five years as a member of the House of Representatives is affirmed and will allow the student editors to be useful at last and in a field more suited to their talents.

From:

E. M. Kisilev,
Box 41 P.O.,
Civic Centre,
Canberra, A.C.T.

March 22, 1960.

Suud Afrika

In this the enlightened age of humanity, the free world is shackled with the shame of South Africa.

The bloody butchery of nearly 200 citizens is something which cannot be forgotten. The free world cannot blame the bloodbath of Budapest on the Hungarians while we tolerate this South African situation.

The government and people of South Africa stand condemned. They have no vindication—murder is not stoned enough to describe this their atrocity.

Condemnation

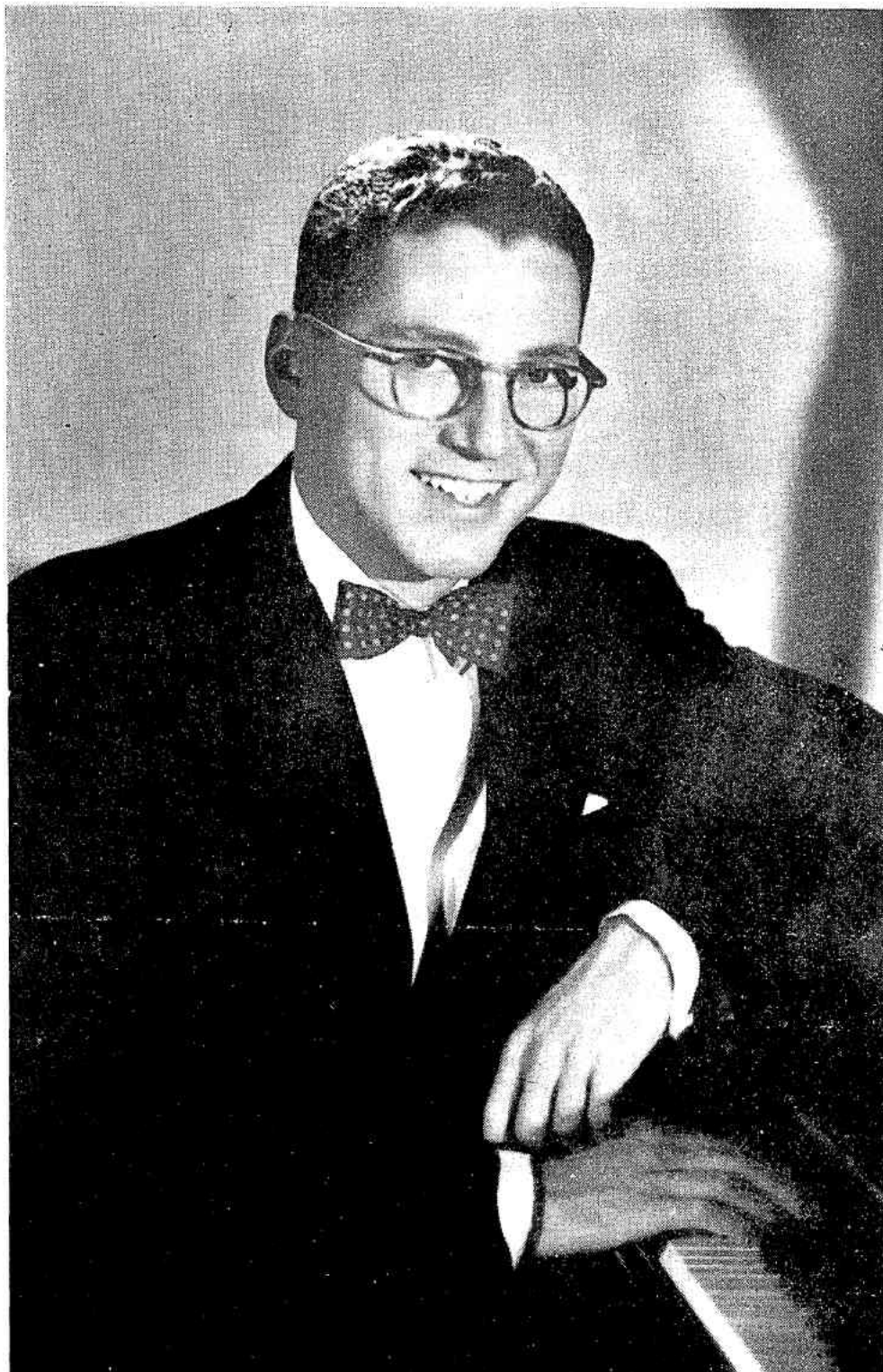
Discrimination and apartheid are to be condemned. Murder, abhorrent as it is, must be payed for. Revolution and the ultimate destruction of the apartheid system must surely be the outcome.

With the United Nations turning a blind eye, civil war is the only solution.

May the free world not be perturbed, as South Africa can have little claim to being a member.

TOM LEHRER IN CANBERRA

LEHRER IN ACTION



LEHRER — THE MAN

Tom Lehrer is a man's man — he is honest, frank, modest and unassuming. One would say that this would make him one of the world's most eligible bachelors — for he is also earning thousands.

Furthermore, he is a graduate and is very close to obtaining his Ph.D.

No doubt you know all this. Well, in that case here are some of the things that you didn't know.

Lehrer is a brave man; he must be to have allowed three college students to escort him around Canberra and to have consented to see the College.

Be Prepared

Lehrer is capable of blushing—in fact, he did.

This little incident occurred at the Academy of Science—when the party entered, an official grasped Lehrer firmly by the right hand and said, "Sorry—I should have used the left hand—I'm the district Scout Commissioner." And Lehrer only blushed.

Impressions

The War Memorial impressed him more than the U.S. Memorial. He was very taken in by the Hall of Memory, but thought that nowhere else in the world had he seen a bigger statue of Chips Rafferty.

The common Room crowd was too much for Lehrer to face, but he showed commendable valour in the scene of activity at the Arts building.

The escorting party lost sight of Tom when a cloud of cement dust restricted visibility to two feet, before he could be found a heap of rubble was dropped from the first floor and when found, our guest suggested that the party take him back to his hotel.

Nice Guy

In all, Lehrer proved that apart from singing filthy songs he is a—real nice guy.

Or as one fresherette said, "I simply adore Tom Lehrer. I think that everyone should be just like him."

(The female's name which has been withheld from publication, can be obtained from the editor's office.)



MEALS

The move by the S.R.C. to attempt to institute an evening meal service at the college is a sound one.

There appear to be two great benefits which may arise from this addition to College life.

Benefits

The first and most obvious benefit is that many students, part-timers in particular, who have evening lectures, will be saved the trouble of going out of the College to get their evening meal.

The second and most important benefit is not so obvious and arises from the first. An evening meal will provide an opportunity for part-timers to come together with themselves and also with full-timers in the Common Room. This is indeed an experience which will be welcomed by the many part-timers who feel that they are missing out on this important facet of university life.

Ghoul at Capitol

One thousand people thronged the Capitol Theatre to hear the sickening songs of the man billed as the greatest living ghoul.

Amongst the huge crowd were hundreds of students as well as some of Canberra's most distinguished, and disgusting citizens.

People from all sections of Canberra's stratified society roared with laughter at this obscene—(sorry)—sophisticated performance.

Sickness

Lehrer wasn't joking when he said he performs to thousands of sick people, they must be sick to go to such a repulsive show.

Sex Ridden

The audience was treated to "clever" renditions of songs which were subsequently banned in the older and sophisticated city of Adelaide.

The standard of these songs can only be described as low, the lyrics are sex ridden and sickening in their presentation.

At no time did the standard of the lyrics rise above that of a C.U.C. revue script.

Gutter Filth

Lehrer's repartee and racy commentary helped to assuage the "gutter" standard of the performance but by no means atoned for it.

Of the songs, probably "My Home Town" and "Be Prepared" were the filthiest. If you have a lavatory mind I would recommend that you get a copy of the lyrics to recite to your friends.

How Lehrer gets away with it we will never know. Why, Woroni editors have been ostracised for less.



S.R.C. NEWS

Upon the resignation of Bob de Viana from the S.R.C., Mary Eccles was appointed as the Secretary of the S.R.C. and part-timer Pat Flynn was co-opted as an ordinary member.

The elections for the new S.R.C. are now being arranged and nominations are being called for by Don Brewster, whom the S.R.C. appointed returning officer. It is hoped that there will be many nominations this year, as in past years a disappointing amount of interest has been shown in elections.

Regulations

The question of disorder and drunkenness at S.R.C. functions was brought up at an S.R.C. meeting recently in the presence of the Principal and Mr. Keith, who expressed concern over the matter. We thank them for attending the meeting and hope that they will do this more, in the future. The question of drunkenness, etc., we hope to solve by some disciplinary regulations which the S.R.C. is drawing up. The S.R.C. is also in the process of drawing up "Clubs and Societies" regulations, and "Publications" regulations. We hope to pass these at a general meeting soon.

A general meeting was held on Tuesday, March 22, at which it was voted that the Students' Associations of the C.U.C. and A.N.U. should remain separate when the two Universities are amalgamated. Also some amendments to the election regulations were passed.

FOR LIFE

John Carroll and Barry Schick were appointed honorary life associate members of the Association. My heartiest congratulations to them.

C. P. MACKERRAS
(President, U.C.S.A.)

Marriage Legislation

On Thursday, March 24, the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, introduced legislation into the House of Representatives to associate the Australian National University and the Canberra University College.

The bill provides a structure for the coalescence of these two bodies into one organisation which is to come into being for the commencement of the academic year of 1961. The adjustments involved in this integration having been already debated, he proposed constitution of the new University will be roughly as follows:

• An overhead all-encompassing body known as the Australian National University governed by a Council of the University.

• An Institute of Advanced Studies, within the University but governed by its own Board, concerned with matters relating to research schools and the conferring of doctorates.

RIVER PARTY

Friday evening following the Lehrer evening at the Capitol, saw a motley collection of University types converge on the Cotter River.

A private barbecue was suddenly enlarged when it was known that Lehrer was to attend. Because of the presence of such a celebrity the organisation has excused the many gate-crashers.

Orgy

Lehrer was overawed by the riotous nature of the evening, which can only be described as an orgy.

There is no doubt that everybody was either amused or shocked. It was such a party that one student who didn't have a girl at the party went into the river because he reckoned that he saw a mermaid.

No doubt if C.U.C. is lucky Lehrer may produce a sickening song to immortalise the occasion.

The convivial association of students over an evening meal should be even more stimulating than that which takes place at lunch time—we hope so.

There should be no doubt as to whether or not we have sufficient numbers to warrant the re-introduction of this service.

It is up to the part-timers to give this evening meal service all the support that they can.

General Studies

• A School of General Studies, also within the University but governed by its own Board, concerned with matters relating to degrees and diplomas other than doctoral degrees and the conferring of these degrees and diplomas.

Student Representation

One of the changes introduced by the new legislation will be the provision for a seat on the Council for one member elected by the undergraduate student body. The S.R.C. of 1959 are to be congratulated on their success in urging this issue, since it means that students in future will have representation at the highest level possible.

This bill will provide the structure for the new University. It is we, the students of C.U.C. together with the students of A.N.U. who will provide its vital body and soul. As undergraduates, we will have opportunities of broadening our horizons through contact with mature and leading thinkers of our time. We hope the benefits accruing from such contact will be complementary.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS

Students' Representative Council Elections

NOMINATIONS CLOSE APRIL 8

Election Dates: April 20, 21, 22

DONALD A. BREWSTER,
Returning Officer.



"I would like to take this opportunity of saying farewell to my many fans and others who have read my column during the past twelve months. I thank you for your interest and hope that I shall have the opportunity of speaking to you again someday."

Angry Young Man.

BEARDS! BEARDS!

A long cherished method of asserting individuality is the sporting of a beard. For, indeed, it takes a deal of self-confidence and composure to undertake the ordeal of walking round with your chin looking rather like a burnt-out field of corn, while the future feature of distinction is in gestation. Of course during the first week or so the excuse that you have no razor blades, etc., will usually suffice to dispel suspicion. As time passes, however, this sort of evasion of the truth will not suffice. Mocking, or horrified fingers, now more than suspicious, point at you from all directions. Ah! but by that time self assurance must surely have come to the bearded sage's aid.

Different Types

Of course, there are different types of beards, which indicate, I suppose, that there are different types of person. Take,

for instance, that fellow over there with the great bushy brush on his face. Not only upon his chin, but under it and up the side of his face also.

Personality

Does that indicate an expansive personality, a mind endowed with the gifts of bountiful generosity and wide interest in humanity, or does it merely hide a small, pointed, bony jaw. I wonder if he quaffs the golden nectar? Would he look like a god with the froth floating round his whiskers, or like a dishwashing brush with drying soap bubbles all over it?

As for the fellow with the pointed, sophisticated beard in the accepted Spanish grandee style. What a priceless work of art that is. Is he a diplomat or could it be that his whole chin is merely a hair sprouting pimple?

Mysterious things are beards!

THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN AN EFFORT

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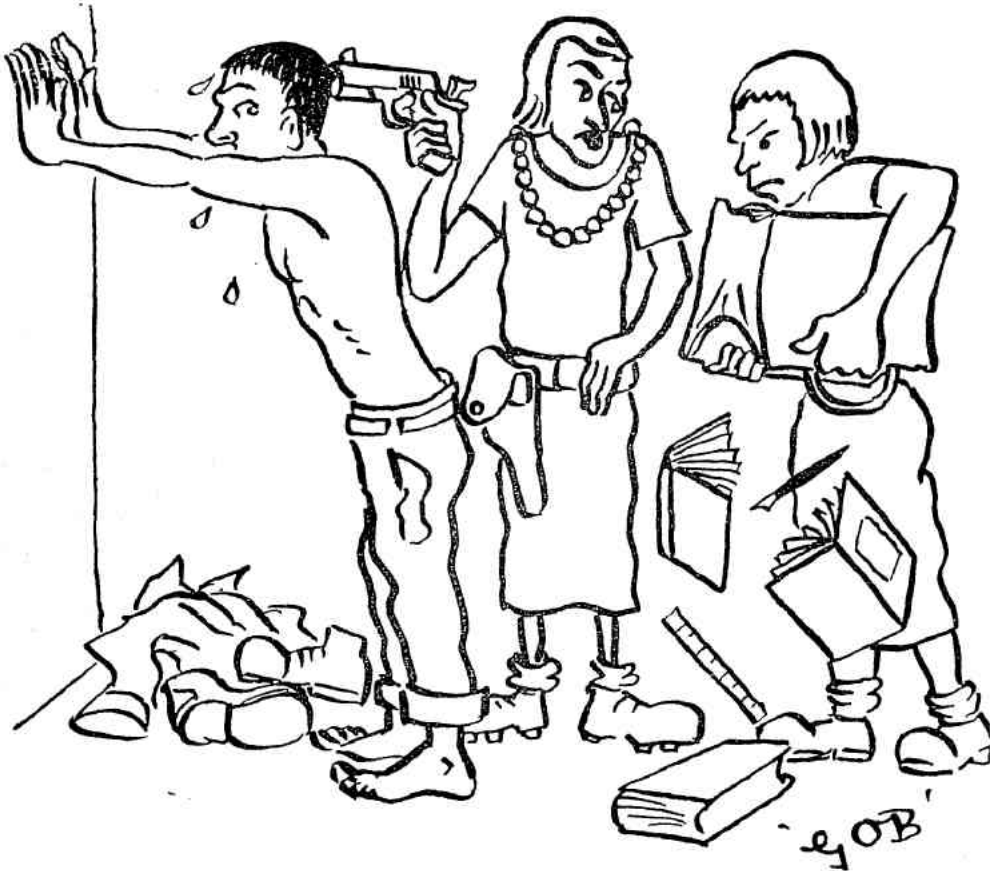
Your help will be appreciated

- EDITOR

Students' Library Sub-Committee

At the suggestion of the Chief Librarian, Miss Campbell-Smith, the S.R.C. has appointed a committee to voice student opinion on library matters.

Below: The Librarian frisking a suspect.



INAUGURAL MEETING

The inaugural meeting was held in Miss Campbell-Smith's flat on Wednesday, 23rd March, and the following recommendations were framed:—

1. That steps be taken to secure further accommodation to relieve the gross overcrowding in the present library.

2. That the library be opened on Saturday afternoons.

Silence

3. That signs demanding silence be placed throughout the library.

4. That a list (in alphabetical order) of books for restricted borrowing be placed in a prominent position on the library noticeboard.

5. That the position of the law library in the Australian National University be discussed by the Library Committee with a view to obtaining undergraduate access to the library.

Recommendation

These recommendations will be put at the next meeting of the College Library Committee.

At present it is painfully obvious that our library is inadequate. Although it is only first term and the rush on books has not yet started, it is already difficult to get a seat unless one queues up for it at the door at 9 a.m.!

Conditions in second and third terms will be chaotic if all full-timers alone vie for seats.

Unless use is made of the space resulting from the arts block move in May, the present library will be impossibly overcrowded.

The present library building is, of course, unsuitable. Initially, the passage running the length of the library results in a predominantly Common Room atmosphere throughout the whole building.

Consideration

If students are to have any consideration for each other, they must realise that the library is essentially a place for study.

ROBERT H. REECE
(Chairman)

'O VOOSS'

This is another among the many articles already written on Patrick White's "Voss". Since there has been so much controversy over this work, however, further discussion is still worthwhile if it does represent a step forward in Australia's literary development.

Superficially the figure of Voss recalls that of Leichhardt. But Voss represents all explorers of the unknown and the infinite. Here the theme is self-discovery, or the struggle in the human soul between the strengths and weaknesses of the human character in its attempt to reach the fullest realisation of its being. This involves a struggle with the powers of darkness, if these are conceived as the baser instincts of human nature. Laura says of Voss after his death: "I am convinced that Voss had in him a little of Christ, like other men. If he was composed of evil along with the good, he struggled with that evil. And failed." The final judgement, however, is the realisation of the poet, Le Mesurier, that:

"The mystery of life is not solved by success, which is an end in itself, but in failure, in perpetual struggle, in becoming."

Aloof

In the beginning Voss stands aloof from unthinking and unseeing society as a completely self-sufficient figure. He is like the eighteenth century Sturm und Drang conception of the Titan, those figures who, possessed by the daemon of genius, looked on themselves as gods. Such was Prometheus who stole fire from the gods, and Faust who sought to probe the secrets of the infinite. Like these, convinced of his own indestructibility, Voss seeks to pursue his idea regardless of all he holds inferior. He says to Le Mesurier on one occasion when they admit to their common daemon: "Every man has a genius, though it is not always discoverable. Least of all when choked by the trivialities of daily existence. But in this disturbing country, it is possible more easily to discard the inessential and to attempt the infinite. You will be burnt up most likely, you will have the flesh torn from your bones, but you will realise that genius of which you sometimes suspect you are possessed."

Servility

Just as those titanic figures were doomed by their hybris, Voss, too, seems damned by his over-weening pride. Despising the servility implied by religion, he has rejected the "miserable fetish of Jesus Christ." A quietist monk points out to him: "Mr. Voss you have a contempt for God because He is not in your image." Laura, in whom Voss finds an intellectual equal, perceives this self-sufficiency in his nature on their first meeting: "You are so vast and ugly. I can imagine some desert, with rocks, rocks of prejudice, and, yes, even hatred. That is why you are fascinated by the prospect of desert places, in which you will find your own situation taken for granted, or, more than that, exalted. Everything is for yourself."

Core of Work

The core of this work, then, is these words of Laura's: "How important it is to understand the three stages. Of God into man. Man. And man returning into God."

Voss has already realised that "to make yourself it is also necessary to destroy yourself." But although he is dead to his material body, he has yet to complete this by a recognition of his own finite nature and a yielding to the infinite perfection of God. It is the working out in Voss' character of this change from pride to humility that makes the plot of the book.

At the same time there is a similar development in Laura's character. This second thread underlines the development of Voss, for, although in reality they have almost no contact with each other, the influence exerted by each personality on the other is so strong that in the end their emotional experiences are almost indistinguishable. In the beginning Laura had also felt complete in herself, but it is she who realises that man cannot stand alone, and seeks to lead Voss back to true humility. She writes to him: "Two cannot share one throne. Even I would not wash your feet if I might wash His."

Struggle

Voss struggles against acceptance of this despised humility. We see this struggle depicted in a dream, and the ever-present consciousness of Laura: "Only resist the Christ thorn. Tear out the black thing by the roots before it has taken hold. She was humbly grateful for it, however. In her kneeling position, she continued to bathe her hair in all flesh, whether of imperial lilies, or the black, putrefying human kind."

Woman

It is through the influence of Laura that Voss does finally yield, for "It is the woman who unmakes men, to make saints." Shortly before his death at the hands of the black boy, Jackie, Voss at last realises that: "He had always been most abominably afraid, even at the height of his power, a frail god upon a rickety throne. Now, at least, reduced to the bones of manhood, he could admit to all this. "O Jesus, rette mich nur! du lieber!" Of this too, mortally frightened, of the arms, or sticks, reaching down from the eternal Tree, and tears of blood, and candle wax. Of the great legend becoming truth."

It is in this state of humility that Voss can at last acquire sanctity. Laura says: "When man is truly humbled, when he has learned that he is not God, then he is nearest to becoming so. In the end he may ascend."

In Beginning

What, then, has been the significance of Voss as a being? In the beginning it was his wish that: "If he were to leave that name on the land, it would rather be on some desert plain a perfect abstraction, that would rouse no feeling of tenderness in posterity. He had no more need for sentimental admiration than he had for love. He was complete."

For a full realisation of what this suffering and the influence of the woman-soul have meant to the development of Voss, we must turn to the prophetic poem of Le Mesurier: "Then I am not God but Man. I am God with a spear in his side. O God, my God, I pray that you will take my spirit out of this my body's remains, and after you have scattered it, grant that it shall be everywhere and in the rocks and in true love of all men and in you, O God, at least."

Paradoxes

There is a strong sense of mysticism throughout the work. It is conveyed by a method common to that of the Chinese Taoist school of mysticism—that of the constant use of paradoxes. In simple phrases, such as "frail stone foundations", "the weaker are stronger," the tension between the normal interpretation of words and their meaning in this

context brings a sense of mystery and of the unreality of the material world, as when Voss, describing the frugality of their life in the desert, says: "Indeed we are almost reduced to infinity."

Mysticism

There is mysticism again in the underlying idea that all being is a variation of one, central totality. Therefore none are bounded to an inferior state except by their own weakness. In a conversation occurring after Voss' death Willie Pringle says: "Topp has dared raise a subject that has often occupied my mind: our inherent mediocrity as people. I am confident that the mediocrity of which he speaks is not a final, irrevocable state, rather it is a creative source of endless variety and subtlety. The blowly on its bed of offal is but a variation of the rainbow. Common forms are continually breaking into brilliant shapes. If we will explore them."

Mind and Spirit

This work thus expresses something of the yearnings of the mind and spirit which are felt by all human souls. Even the mundane Mr. Bonner experiences such yearnings, and at such times partially satisfies them by going out and thinning the buds from his camellia bushes. White's bitterest attacks are upon society, which is immediately suspicious of anyone who is an intellectual, or who has a feeling for spiritual values beyond its limited understanding. It erects a bronze statue in memory of Voss, then returns to its mediocrity, unaware of and unaffected by the real significance of his achievement.

Subconscious

It is this emphasis on the subconscious that gives rise to the peculiarity of style. It is intuitive knowledge that is held as natural and ideal, so the words are directed to appeal to the imagination and the intuition rather than the reason. Something of this may be felt in this passage which describes Laura listening to Voss: "She did not raise her head for those (words) the German spoke, but heard them fall, and loved their shape. So far departed from that rational level to which she had determined to adhere, her own thoughts were grown obscure, even natural... She would have liked to sit upon a rock and listen to words, not of any man, but detached, mysterious words that she alone would interpret through some sense inherited from sleep."—A.B.

DEBATES

On Thursday, March 24, fifteen students met to discuss the formation of a debating society at the College.

Debating has not flourished at the College for a couple of years now, but wide interest is being shown this year. A pro tem committee was elected at the meeting to handle the preliminary arrangements for the society. The members are Pat Hughson, Heather Sutherland, Gwilym Davies and Michael Austin.

Roll-up

If you are interested in the society, or have any suggestions to make, please see one of the members. They are hoping to arrange a debate some time this week, so roll up and give your support.

More On Commencement Ceremony

GRADUATES AND PRIZE-WINNERS

The following received degrees or diplomas of the University of Melbourne:

Bachelor of Arts: Marion Ainsworth, Enid Bishop, Kenneth Brewer, Bruno Joseph, Shirley Jessop, Mona La Reux, Amir Nasution, Patricia Phillips, Keith Brown, Joan Thompson.

Bachelor of Laws: Anne Biveinis, Lindsay Curtis, Joan Thompson.

Bachelor of Commerce: Edward Crossing, Charles McKay, Bruce Weeden, Peter Westaway, John Wilson.

Master of Commerce: James Hunter.

Bachelor of Education: Norman Wigney.

Diploma in Public Administration: James Dingwall, Keith Pearson.

Prizewinners were:

The Tillyard Prize: Joan Thompson.

The George Knowles Memorial Prize: Anne Biveinis, Lindsay Curtis.

The Economic Society Prize: Ilario Ermacora.

The Royal Institute of Public Administration Prize: William Ricketts.

The Marie Halford Memorial Prize: Charles Kneipp.

The Lady Isaacs Prize: Patricia Phillips, Rima Rathbousky.

The Professional Officers' Association Prizes:

Physical Sciences: David Andean.

Biological Sciences: Hadrian Douth.

The Geological Society of Australia Prize: Hadrian Douth.



Distinguished Gathering

Left to right: Melbourne Uni. Chancellor; Viscount Dunrossil; Council Chairman; Melbourne Uni. Vice-Chancellor.

The University as a Melting Pot

If a University student is asked what is his purpose in attending his University he will surely say that he intends to gain a degree, but he will almost surely say—probably in the very same breath (lest it be thought that he was not awake at the symposium or similar talk during the early part of his University career), that he also came in order to broaden his outlook upon life and its problems. This reply is something that the new student soon learns is expected of him. I do not suggest that his answer is necessarily insincere for he may have and probably has that thought in his mind. That is to say, he thinks to himself, I am not here only to gain a degree but also to broaden my mind, in fact I am broadening my mind merely by being here."

It is his last thought that is the stumbling block upon which the extra-curricular education of the University momentum and direction.

Nature Lead

Now in the larger universities of Australia the outlook forming quality is more noticeable and successful than it is here at Canberra. This follows from the relative abundance of senior, mature students from whom a lead may be taken. Even so, the percentage of thinkers (in the widest sense of the word) is still small. Many are widely read and well versed in the facts of political, educational and other questions but most tend to accept these facts as they stand without attempting to look into them for their importance or significance.

Newman Risk

What, then, is the result of this attitude? This College is an excellent research ground for such a study owing to its smallness and to the overwhelming numerical superiority of young and immature students. Apart from the faculty societies which deal with matters associated with the curriculum, the only discussion societies are religious. Worse still, there is only one of these that can be said to lead an active existence—that being the Newman Society. Even here, at the risk of fire

and brimstone from Roman friends I would suggest that the enthusiasm shown is not that of desire for the provocation of thought but that it stems from rigid upbringing and belief.

Narrowness

I would hesitate to conclude from this that the students we meet here do not possess curious enquiring minds—far from it. However, their curiosity in the main is channelled into narrow and set lines of thought. I feel that this can be blamed largely upon the pre-occupation of the high schools (in New South Wales at least) with cramming enough question answers into pupils to ensure a high percentage of Leaving Certificate passes year after year, rather than leading them into thought and discussion upon the various aspects of their subjects. Nevertheless, the larger universities should still be able to assert enough influence to bring a few at least into such a frame of mind that they will be vitally interested in extra-curricular affairs. However, when this problem is brought home to Canberra we immediately notice obstacles such as the above-mentioned scarcity of students. The chances here of meeting a "thinker" who will in turn inspire the other to "think" are much poorer than they are at a larger institution. Hence the majority of students are likely to pass through the College with a high school mentality.

I am afraid that I cannot suggest a method of changing this, thus leaving only the one answer "wait until numbers swell". In view of which this article may seem futile. Nevertheless as the problem is encountered even in the larger institutions, it is obvious that this is not a complete answer. I only hope that this rather muddled article will cause more efficient mind than mine to "think" about the problem. For when they do, the awakening of general interest will have begun.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON IN THIS INSTITUTION

Read The Notice Boards!

Vacation . .

Who? What? Where?

"I am the happiest corpse in the morgue where I jump from tray to tray."

Believe it or not ROD KNIGHT worked as a Laboratory Assistant in such a place for the greater part of his holidays. (Incidentally, he reports that "they" were all dead and that "they" made no complaints).

But Rod wasn't the only one to tackle an unfamiliar job.

DON BREWSTER cleaned toilets (men's and women's) at Albury Olympic Pool and claims he was made a convenience of. (Is that so, Don?).

Not for "Elvis" ROBERTS however the plebeian role of cleaner.

Officially Geoff became: The Riverina Fire Detection Officer of Burngoogie Fire Tower at Murrumbidgee State Forest 403 via Tumbarumba.

For four days out of every week the black and white cat perched on a forty foot high tower staring into space, in the vain hope of spotting the forest's greatest enemy — fire.

Athletic Feats?

Not fatigued, however, by such an exhausting job, Geoff: hurdled a four-foot fence when chased by a bull on the first day of service; killed five pink and black snakes; chased rabbits; practised singing; fought off eagles by singing; was a "putty-putter-inner"; broke four slashers (or brush hoses) while pioneering yet more of Australia's road-building programme (and now claims to have the toughest hands in the University); painted the W.C. of the fire station of Murrumbidgee State Forest 403 a brilliant white and pale blue.

Achievement

But possibly Geoff's greatest achievement was reached when he COOKED AND LIVED WITH HIMSELF. (Those knowing Geoff's habits at Narcellan may well marvel at this).

Of Rabbits and Cherries

MAX LAWRENCE spent most of his vacation in continual danger stalking and

VIEWS ON AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

By Barry Swenson

I was asked to give my views on my reactions to the meeting in Parliament House and Prime Minister Menzies' speech on March 24. The best way to see a change is to compare things with what you are used to; California Legislature in the United States.

One Visit Not Enough

Although I have had some experience in seeing legislation in action at home, I really don't have the background I would like to have in order to make an accurate comparison. I would also have to make more than one visit to the Parliament House in order to justify the conclusions which I have made. I have spent most of my time studying business administration and economics and now regret somewhat my deliberate avoidance of the field of political science.

Startled

The most outstanding feature of the session of Parliament was that during Prime Minister Menzies' speech, there seemed to be a lack of reverence on the part of the members, especially the party in opposition. During the speech, which was on the amalgamation of the two universities, the Opposition interrupted with many wise-cracks and insertions that had nothing pertaining to the discussion at hand. Some of the wise-cracks did show a strain of humour, but on the most part they were derogatory and I imagine irritated the speaker. I was amazed at the way the Prime Minister handled the situation. He is either an extremely brilliant man, or else has had a lot of experience in dealing with this sort of thing. He always

seemed to have a reply to each remark so that the Opposition would be put back in its place. I cannot imagine President Eisenhower being confronted with so many interruptions while addressing Congress.

I can see some advantages to your type of legislation. First; it is very democratic in that there is complete freedom of speech. Second; I have never been one for formalities and tradition. Third; I can see where politicians might have to be more careful regarding their speech, and by improving its quality they might avoid these interruptions.

More Impressions

I also got a similar impression of this lack of conduct in the Associated Student Body meeting in the Common Room last week. One main difference in the S.R.C. meeting and that at Parliament was that the humour at S.R.C. was better, probably because it was more at my level of understanding. During this meeting I had one of my most hearty laughs since I left home in February. I must admit that the meeting was much more amusing and lively than I am used to at San Jose State College. I had planned to stay for about 15 minutes, but became so engrossed that I remained for a good hour. This type of meeting can be great for increasing the attendance and participation. Whether or not this leads to accomplishment of more action is doubtful.

The Gold Coast via many pubs en route was finally reached by DAVE FUNNEL and BRUCE McLAUGHLIN after chasing and then evading a Maroubra Festival Float Queen who turned out to be younger than she looked. One of their most pleasant nights was spent right on the front of Surfers — in the Lifesaving Club. Their best hitch was approximately three hundred miles.

Girls Shy; Cheap Whiskey

PAUL TANSUVAN made an even longer trip — back home to Bangkok. Paul, although glad to be home was very annoyed with the Thai girls who were, he claims, too shy! The change from Australian beer to cheap whiskey affected Paul internally although he thrived on such delicacies as shark's fins and sea-horses! With only sixpence left when he landed at Kingsford-Smith airport Paul was nevertheless ready to admit that the return trip was worthwhile. (P.S. The Australian Government paid his return fare).

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Thank you, Bob Smith!

What did you do?

"I enjoy living" — MALCOLM HARRISON.

"I enjoy living off women" — TONI MAGI.

SPATE OF CRICKET



SPORT



FROM THE SIDELINE

An independent report

An Entire Seasons Results

Staff v. Students Cricket Match

Sunday, March 13 and Kingston Oval saw the Students in action against our revered Staff. Doubts were cast on our chances by rumours circulating to the effect that our mentors were going to throw against us a former State player and two Cambridge stars of yesterday.

Collapse and Recovery

The ex-Shield player failed to materialise, but the ex-Cambridge lads appeared. Dr. Biggs, with his deceptive swing bowling gave the student batsmen many anxious moments, but Paddy Flynn, Gwilym Davies and Dave Funnell relieved the early collapse, and greatly assisted our total.

Professor Clark gave an excellent display behind the stumps; as a result, our batsmen showed a great affinity for the crease.

Clark Again

The Staff tried out almost every team member in the attack but lack of space forbids me to detail individual performances.

Staff opened with Manning Clark who dominated the innings. In fact, one could have sworn W. G. Grace was taking mark. Undergrad Captain, Geoff Roberts tried every bowler in his team in an effort to dismiss the bearded gentleman. He finally fell to a "grubber" from Davies, after compiling 41 runs in masterful style.

Of the Student bowlers, John Newman and Barry Smith-Roberts gave the best performances.

Refreshments

Lunch was provided by the Staff — for this I voice the thanks of the Student team. An afternoon tea break and a dozen "icy-cold" after the match rounded off a most enjoyable day.

Scores: STUDENTS 144
STAFF 125

Result Match won by Students

WORONI will not report Fencing this year

Freshers v. Sophomores

The annual Freshers v. Sophomores played at Turner Oval on March 6, was a clear indication of one thing—the Sophomores' superiority.

Openers

Openers for the Freshers side, Flynn and Leonard, proceeded at quite merry rate to pile up 26 runs before their partnership was broken when Leonard was bowled. From this, stage it was evident the younger side would be fighting for runs; and fight some did, but they could not stop the inevitable rout which led to the finish of their innings with the score of 65.

Result Not in Doubt

Sophomores captain, Geoff Roberts, and John Newman wasted no time in practically putting the result beyond doubt. Their partnership contributed 42 runs. Tony Glas-son and Len Gilmore added sufficient runs to pass the opposition's score and it was then only a question of how many runs the Sophomores got.

Finish

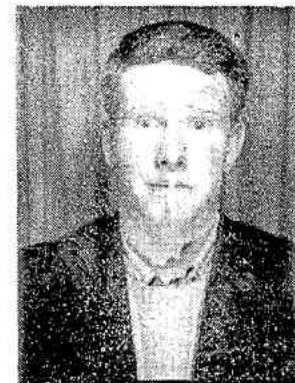
The innings finished with the score at the formidable figure of 3 wickets for 130 runs. All in all, it was quite a good afternoon's cricket, and I should like to thank the Freshers for playing the game with such fine spirit.

Scores

Scores: Freshers 65 (P. Flynn 16, J. Culnane 15, Leonard 13; D. Funnell 41, J. Newman 3-11).

MATCH WON BY SOPHOMORES

There will be a Complete Football Coverage Next Week



by "Dave"
FOOTBALL

As this is the first football report of the year I would like to publicly welcome the amalgamation of the C.U.C., A.N.U. and A.F.S. Rugby Union teams. This merger can only be for the good of the code in the A.C.T. and I think (as do a great many others) that this club will perform more than creditably in the three grades to which it had been allocated.

However, players are still required for the Under 18 team and as most freshers fall into this category it is hoped that a few more lads may be able to play. Coaches and trainers contacted have been willing, but they must have payers willing to TRAIN.

Trial Matches

Several trial matches have been played to date. The first, against glamour side Royals, was a veritable battle as there were quite a few injuries. An unofficial point score gave Royals a 3-point lead at the end but scores can be no indication as players are continually being changed.

Convincing Win

The following week Uni had a convincing win over Eastern Suburbs in First Grade and it is hoped that this is indicative of the standard of football to be attained during the coming season.

HOCKEY

According to reliable reports from the Hockey Club there is any amount of potential around the University but as yet there has not been as many male members as was hoped for. So if you are include towards the "stick and ball game" please contact Peter Simpson or at least read the notice-board for information.



AUSTIN IN ACTION

Men's Hockey

This sport is just getting under way. Peter Simpson and Rafe de Crespigny seem to be the guiding lights see them.

("Woroni" needs a hockey reporter — any volunteers?)

NO LONGER PERTINENT!



Those who put their shoulders to the wheel this week were:

- Editor: George Martin.
- Technical Assistants: Alyce Brazier, Bruce McLaughlin.
- Typists: Margot Tyrrell, Anne Buttsworth.
- Artist: Marion Beveridge.
- Printed by Fed. Cap. Press for Albert George Martin.

Woman's Hockey

The annual general meeting of the club was held on March 10. Among other things, the election of office-bearers was held, resulting in Joan Morgan as President, Mary Eccles as Vice-president, Elizabeth Reid as Secretary, Marguerite le Mesurier as Treasurer, and Marion Beveridge and Helen Hesper as Committee Members.

Opening Day

Opening day for the Association is tentatively April 9, so the girls have already started practising.

As is usual, however, there is no one time during the week when everyone can come to practice, so additional times are to be arranged.

If the support offered by fresherettes continues throughout the season, there will be two teams entered in the competition.

SYDNEY

An attraction later in the year is the possibility of a trip to Sydney to try and avenge the defeat suffered here last year when the Sydney University girls came up.

Have You Joined?

Then Why Not?

Join What?

(THE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM)